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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A DISPATCH OF THE TIMES, LONDON, REPORTS THAT THE GREEK CABINET
DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY YESTERDAY TO SPARE THE LIVES OF GEORGE
PAPADOPOULOS, NIKOLAOS MAKAREZOS, AND STYLIANOS PATAKOS,
SENTENCED TO DEATH SATURDAY FOR THEIR PARTS IN THE COUP OF
1967. 91)

A SPECIAL TO THE TIMES REPORTS THAT REFUGEES FROM PORTUGUESE
TIMOR SAID YESTERDAY THAT BODIES HAD LITTERED THE STREETS IN
DILI, THE CAPITAL. THE REFUGEES, WHO ARRIVED IN DARWIN YESTER-
DAY, SAID THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY IN-
DEPENDENT EAST TIMOR, WHICH IS ENGAGED IN A STRUGGLE FOR POWER
WITH THE DEMOCRATIC UNION OF TIMOR, HAD CUT THE THROATS OF
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BABIES. (2)

HENRY GINIGER SAYS THE INCOMPATIBILITIES AMONG THE EXTRAOR-
DINARILY WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS LINED UP

AGAINST PREMIER GONCALVES HAVE CREATED THE PROSPECT OF CONTINUED CONFLICT AFTER HIS EXPECTED FALL. CONSEQUENTLY, THE DISAPPEARANCE OF GENERAL GONCALVES AS A FACTOR OF DIVISION IN THE COUNTRY IS NOT EXPECTED, BY ITSELF, TO RESTORE UNITY TO A REVOLUTION THAT SEEMS DIRECTIONLESS AND INCREASINGLY UNABLE TO COPE WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. (3)

ACCORDING TO AP, BELGIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS ARE CHECKING PERSISTENT REPORTS S UNION HAS SENT POLITICAL FUNDS TO PORTUAL THROUGH A SHIPPING CONCERN IT RUNS IN ANTWERP. (3)

ACCORDING TO JONATHAN KANDELL, THE COMMANDER OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY, NUMA LAPLANE, ASSERTED YESTERDAY THAT THE MILITARY STILL SUPPORTED CIVILIAN CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. THE REMARKS WERE APPARENTLY INTENDED TO DISPEL RUMORS THAT A MILITARY COUP WAS IMMINENT IN THE FACE OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ENGULFED THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT PERON. (5)

DAVID ANDELMAN SAYS THAT THE PATHET LAO'S TAKE-OVER OF VIENTIANE, EXTENDING ITS RULE THROUGHOUT LAOS, FOLLOWED WEEKS OF ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORMAL CEREMONIES, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING BANGKOK FROM DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES. (6)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN QUOTES YOU AS SAYING THAT "WE'RE MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE AND GOOD PROGRESS ON ALL ISSUES, AND STILL HAVE NOT RUN INTO UNUSUAL DIFFICULTIES." YOU SAID THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY YOU COULD FINISH THE NEGOTIATIONS BY THE END OF THE WEEK. (10)

PRESIDENT SADAT AND YOU ARE SHOWN EMBRACING AT ALEXANDRIA. (10)
KATHLEEN TELTSCH NOTES THAT CANADA, WHICH LAST MONTH BLOCKED THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION FROM ATTENDING A UN CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN TORONTO, TACITLY AGREED YESTERDAY TO THE GROUP'S ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING TO BE HELD IN VANCOUVER NEXT SUMMER. (12)

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ERIC PACE CONTENTS THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IS PRESSING AHEAD WITH CREATION OF VAST NAVAL FACILITIES AT CHAHBAHAR, ON THE SOUTHEASTERN COAST, ACCORDING TO WESTERN BUSINESS AND DIPLOMATIC INFORMANTS. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS FROM THE COMPANY OR THE GOVERNMENT. (13)

GRAHAM HOVEY BELIEVES THAT IN HUMAN SUFFERING, DISINTEGRATION, AND CHAOS, ANGOLA'S BURGEONING CIVIL WAR THREATENS TO SURPASS THE BELGIAN CONGO DISASTER OF 1960-61. IT RECALLS NIGERIA ON THE EDGE OF HOLOCAUST IN 1966-67. WHAT HAPPENS IN ANGOLA WILL INEVITABLY AFFECT THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE REST OF COMBUSTIBLE SOUTHERN AFRICA. ANGOLA'S AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL SOURCES ARE ENORMOUS AND COVETED. THE POLITICAL

STAKES FOR OUTSIDERS HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY DURING THE TERRITORY'S HEADLONG RUSH TOWARD INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGAL. LONG-SUFFERING ANGOLA NEEDS A MIRACLE, BUT NONE IS IN VIEW. IN FACT, IT WILL REQUIRE A MIRACLE TO PREVENT FOREIGN INTERVENTION. (31))

THE BALTIMORE SUN

PETER KUMPA, REPORTING FROM MILWAUKEE, SAID PRESIDENT FORD GAVE ASSURANCES YESTERDAY THAT CONGRESS WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN CIVILIANS OPERATING TECHNICAL WARNING SYSTEMS IF AN INTERIM SINAI AGREEMENT IS PUT TOGETHER. (1)

ACCORDING TO HENRY TREWHITT, KEY MEMBERS OF THE SENATE YESTERDAY RAISED THE PROSPECT OF SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO PLANS FOR AMERICANS TO MONITOR A NEW MIDDLE EAST AGREEMENT, A CRITICAL POINT IN THE DIPLOMATIC PACKAGE NOW BEING NEGOTIATED. IN HELENA, MONT., SENATOR MANSFIELD SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE APPROACH, WHICH IS AN OPEN SECRET. HE STOPPED JUST SHORT OF SAYING HE WOULD OPPOSE IT IN WHAT APPEARS CERTAIN TO BE BRISK DEBATE. (1)

YOUR PICTURE APPEARS WITH SADAT ON PAGE 1.

MICHAEL PARKS REPORTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON A NEW SINAI ACCORD ARE "90 PERCENT COMPLETE" WITH NO MAJOR ISSUES UNRESOLVED. (1)

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CHARLES CORDDRY BELIEVES ISRAEL'S AIM, ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN CURRENT ARMS NEGOTIATIONS, IS TO EXPAND THE SUPERIORITY IN MODERN WEAPONS THAT IT HAS RELIED ON HISTORICALLY TO OFFSET THE ARABS' GREATER NUMBERS. THIS ASPECT OF THE MANY-SIDED MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAS ATTRACTED RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION THUS FAR WITH THE FOCUS ON THE PROSPECTIVE NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN SINAI. (4)

A SUN EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE EIGHTEEN DEPOSED DESPOTS WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH AND IMPRISONMENT IN GREECE HAVE RECEIVED BETTER JUSTICE THAN, IN THEIR SEVEN YEARS OF RULE, THEY DISPENSED. THE CABINET OF PREMIER KARAMANLIS ACTED WISELY IN QUICKLY COMMUTING THE DEATH PENALTIES METED OUT TO THE FALLEN DICTATOR, GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS, AND TWO COLLEAGUES. KARAMANLIS ACTED FROM COURAGEOUS CONFIDENCE IN THE STABILITY OF THE NEW GREEK DEMOCRACY. IT IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS GREECE HAS GOING FOR IT. (12)

CHARLES YOST WRITES THAT IN THEIR EAGERNESS TO OBTAIN FORMAL CONFIRMATION OF THE POSTWAR STATUS QUO IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE RUSSIANS MAY HAVE PAINTED THEMSELVES INTO A TIGHT CORNER. MUCH OF THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT IS OPEN TO MISINTERPRETATION. THERE

HAS BEEN MUCH TALK THROUGH THE YEARS OF "FINLANDIZATION," A GRADUAL SUCCUMBING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES TO SOVIET PRESSURE AND POWER WITHOUT A NEED FOR THE EXERCISE OF FORCE OR OVERT INTERVENTION. BUT, THE LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF HELSINKI COULD BE WHAT THE SOVIETS FEAR MOST -- REVERSE FINLANDIZATION. SO, HELSINKI BROADENED DETENTE. IF, HOWEVER, THAT BROADER MEANING SHOULD BE VITIATED OR NULLIFIED, THE BACKLASH IN THE WEST AGAINST DETENTE COULD BE OVERPOWERING. (13))

THE WASHINGTON POST

BERNARD D. NOSSITER REPORTS THAT THE U.S. IS HOLDING UP AN URGENT PLEA FROM PORTUGAL FOR HELP IN SETTling AN EXPECTED 300,000 WHITE REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAID. NO DECISION WILL BE TAKEN, IT WAS LEARNED, UNTIL WASHINGTON IS SATISFIED THAT LISBON HAS A GOVERNMENT IT CAN WORK WITH. OBSERVERS HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE CHIEF REASON FOR THE HOLD-UP IS THE COMMUNIST SLANT OF THE SHAKY GONCALVES TEAM. (A-1)

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MIGUEL ACOCA BELIEVES A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN GONCALVES AND A COALITION OF ANTICOMMUNIST OFFICERS SEEKING HIS OUSTER APPEARS TO BE RAPIDLY REACHING A CLIMAX. UNDERLINING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION WAS THE FORMATION OF A "COMMON FRONT" TO SUPPORT GONCALVES, MADE UP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, ITS ALLIES, AND ARMED MILITANT LEFTIST GROUPS, AND THE DISCLOSURE THAT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF GARRISONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING LISBON AIR BASE, WERE ON ALERT. (A-1)

JACK EGAN REPORTS THAT SECRETARY SIMON YESTERDAY STRONGLY CONDEMNED LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION'S PAYMENTS OF AT LEAST \$22 MILLION IN BRIBES TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL PARTIES SINCE 1970 TO OBTAIN OVERSEAS SALES OF ITS L-1011 JUMBO JETS AND OTHER AEROSPACE PRODUCTS. "TO ARGUE THAT BRIBES TO FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE COMPETITION IS CONTRARY TO EVERY PRINCIPLE UNDER THE FREE-MARKET SYSTEM" AND "CAN ONLY INCREASE THE DISTRUST AND SUSPICION THAT IS TRAINING OUR NATION INSTITUTIONS," SIMON SAID. (A-1)

JOHN SAAR REPORTS THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER FLEW INTO SEOUL'S HEAVILY GUARDED KIMPO AIRPORT FOR THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL SECURITY TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SINCE THE FALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. HE IMMEDIATELY REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA. SCHLESINGER ALSO SOUNDED A WARNING PLAINLY INTENDED FOR KIM IL-SONG AND HIS POTENTIAL ALLIES IN PEKING AND MOSCOW: "OUR PURPOSE IS TO AVOID CONFLICT -- BY AVOIDING ANY POSSIBILITY OF MISCALCULATION ON THE PART OF OTHERS, AND BY UNDERSCORING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MILITARY RESPONSE SHOULD THERE BE NO ALTERNATIVE." (A-1)

YOU AND PRESIDENT SADAT ARE PICTURED ANSWERING REPORTERS'

QUESTIONS IN ALEXANDRIA. (A-1)

JOANNE OMANG SAYS THAT ARAB NATIONS STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING DIRECTLY FOR THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN YESTERDAY AS REPRESENTATIVES OF 108 COUNTRIES GATHERED FOR THE OPENING SESSION OF THE FIFTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF NONALIGNED NATIONS. THE STATEMENT WAS CONSIDERED A REFLECTION OF THE RELATIVELY MODERATE VIEW-POINT OF THE EGYPTIANS, WHO ARE RAPIDLY MOVING TOWARD AN INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL IN NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE THIS WEEK. (A-1)
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MARILYN BERGER REPORTS THAT WITH THE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO AN AGREEMENT CLEARED AWAY, YOU HELD TALKS IN EGYPT AND ISRAEL YESTERDAY IN AN EFFORT TO FIND WORDING THAT BOTH SIDES CAN ACCEPT. THE PROBLEM IS ONE OF MORE THAN DIPLOMATIC NICETIES. ISRAEL WANTS AS MANY COMMITMENTS AS POSSIBLE PUT INTO THE MAIN AGREEMENT THAT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC, FOR ITS LEADERS MUST SHOW ITS RESTIVE CITIZENS THAT THEY ARE GETTING SOMETHING REAL IN RETURN FOR RELINQUISHING STRATEGIC BITS OF TERRITORY. EGYPT NEEDS TO KEEP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE UNSTATED, FOR IT STANDS TO SUFFER ATTACKS FROM THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD FOR APPEARING TO MOVE TOWARD A SEPARATE PEACE WITH THE COMMON ENEMY. (A-1)

JACQUES LESLIE FINDS MRS. GANDHI WIDELY LIONIZED IN A GROWING PERSONALITY CULT. THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING PROMOTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND MRS. GANDHI'S CONGRESS PARTY, BUT IT HAS ALSO GAINED THE SUPPORT OF MANY OTHERS WHO SEEM EAGER TO EARN HER GOOD WILL. (A-12)

A SPECIAL TO THE POST- CONCERNS MIAMI'S CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS REACTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT AND RESIGNATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S EASING OF THE U.S. TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA. SOME MORE MILITANT CUBAN EXILE LEADERS DENOUNCED THE MOVE AS A BETRAYAL OF NOT ONLY THEIR CAUSE BUT THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN GENERAL. THERE WAS NO VISIBLE REACTION, HOWEVER, FROM MOST OF DADE COUNTY'S CUBANS AND CUBAN-AMERICANS WHO NUMBER MORE THAN 400,000 OF THE 1.5 MILLION RESIDENTS. MANY HAVE LONG SINCE BECOME RESIGNED TO THE INEVITABILITY OF NORMAL RELATIONSBETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA. (A-15)

JAMES MACMANUS REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA GAVE THE RHODESIAN WHITE-MINORITY GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTRY'S NATIONALIST MOVEMENT A VIRTUAL ULTIMATUM YESTERDAY TO PRODUCE A CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT WITHIN TWO MONTHS. (A-15) UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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